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Developments to provide jobs, generate more taxes for cities

By Ivan Crosbie,
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Several major business and industrial developments currently underway in the Southeast promise to provide employment and to increase property and sales taxes while revitalizing local cities.

Developments in the cities of South Gate, Lynwood, Huntington Park, Compton and Bell Gardens will generate hundreds of jobs for local residents while increasing the cities' tax bases.

Compton, which is undertaking the most costly and ambitious project, is currently constructing the city's first major shopping center at a cost of more than \$11 million.

The center, which is halfway completed, will house 25 different facilities, said Richard Heller of the Wats Commercial Development Corp.

Huntington Park, which probably has the largest number of condominiums under construction among the cities, will complete 117 of these dwellings by the end of December, said Ray Valdez, general manager of the construction company.

Valdez said 30 of the condos have already been completed, and a similar number will be completed before the end of this month. He said he didn't have available figures showing the total cost of the construction. However, he believes the lowest purchase price for a three-bedroom condo will be around \$101,000.

Like Compton, the city of Lynwood is also undertaking a major development project that will involve the expansion of 10.5 acres of industrial land.

At an estimated cost of \$8 million, the project is aimed principally at responding to the employment needs of the Lynwood-South Central Los Angeles Special Impact Areas while revitalizing the city itself, said Channing D. Johnson.

Johnson said the project is expected to yield 800 jobs. He said 130 new job opportunities will be provided annually, and each year 105 special impact areas (SIA) residents will be placed into area housing.

The project is undertaken by the Economic Resources Corp. (ERC) of Los Angeles. It is partially funded by the federal government's Economic Development Administration, he said.

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New developments . . .

ERIC is a non-profit corporation established to provide economic development in disadvantaged communities.

Henry Cox, a building inspector for South Gate, said several new constructions including the expansion of Schultz Steel on Firestone Boulevard would provide new jobs for city residents and other benefits for the city.

Among the new developments, Cox said, are Carl's Jr. on Imperial Boulevard, a Tom's restaurant on State Street and Santa Ana and a Nick's Burger, also on Imperial.

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which is the only one currently in operation, a Sav-on Store, which will open for business next week; and Newberry's, slated for completion later this month.

Others include Sarah's Fashions, Kim's Women's Wear, Handy's Beauty Supply, Jet Food Stamp Center, Angelina's Pizza Parlor, El Polo Royal Chicken, Fresh Donut Shop, Burger King, Miss World Women Clothing and Volume Shoes.

Heller said the center will be constructed in two phases. Phase one, which involves 115,000 square feet, will be completed in December.

The second phase, involving 90,000 square feet, will be completed in 1984, he said. This phase will include department stores, fast food restaurants and fast food

costs \$320,000, will include equipment for the Navy. He said about 40 people will be hired by the company.

Another \$100,000 commercial building is currently under construction on Email Avenue. The building will be used as a warehouse for a roofing company, Bell

Construction of all three buildings began early in August. They are scheduled for completion in early 1984.

In Compton, where the building of the shopping center has been long-awaited, residents will have the opportunity to shop at home for most of their necessities.

Among the 25 stores will be the Boys Supermarket,

which is the only one currently in operation, a Sav-on Store, which will open for business next week; and Newberry's, slated for completion later this month.

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TWO CITIES TURN IT DOWN Southeast cities to get money for bicycle, pedestrian uses

By Ivan Crosbie, Staff Writer

More than \$81,400 will be allocated to several Southeast cities for construction of new bicycle and pedestrian facilities during fiscal year 1983-84.

The monies, which will be handed out by the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission in January, will be dispersed among the cities of South Gate, Huntington Park, Compton, Lynwood, Bell, Cudahy, Bell Gardens and Maywood, said Diane Perrine, an assistant analyst with the LACTC.

The funds are provided to the cities under Article 3 of the Transportation Development Act (SB821).

But even though the funds are offered with little or no strings attached, some cities here have declined to accept the money on the basis they have no use for it.

Huntington Park, for instance, declined to apply for its annual allocation last year, Perrine said. According to Ron Zabr, director of the city's public works department, Huntington Park will not apply for the funds this coming fiscal year.

Zabr said the "city isn't interested in providing bikeways." "We've participated in that program in the past," he explained. "We've made extensive use of that funding."

He said the city might consider applying for the funds in the future, if a "change occurs in the pattern or a need arises among residents for additional wheel chair ramps."

Bell Gardens' too, did not apply for its allocation last year, Perrine said.

She said the declined money will be placed into regional funds and dispersed among other participating cities.

The amount a city receives is determined by that city's population, the analyst said. South Gate, for instance, with its 72,555 population, receives \$12,230 for the 1982-83 fiscal year, she said.

Lynwood, with a population of 80,978, collected \$8,657; Huntington Park would have received \$8,222 based on its 48,418 population; and Cudahy, containing 18,965 residents, pulled in \$3,220.

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Pedestrian, bike funds

Compton, which has the largest number of residents, totaling 85,705, collected \$14,553.

Maywood received \$3,919 based on its population of 23,078, Perrine said.

These population figures, she said, were updated around May, 1983.

For fiscal year 1983-84, each participating city will receive approximately the same amount of funds, she said.

"Only if a major change in a city's population occurs will there be a significant change in that city's allocation," Perrine explained.

Perrine said the commission dispatched applications to each of the participating cities earlier this year. Applications are to be returned before January.

Kevin White, an administrative assistant with South Gate's Department of Public Works, said the city has a project for the funds.

However, the city council has not acted on the proposed project yet, White said. But a date for the council to review the proposal has been scheduled Sept. 27.

"The proposal is for the construction of a new sidewalk on Garfield Boulevard," he explained.